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SUBJ: WORLD FEDERALIST YOUTH ORGANIZATION

REF: LAGOS 9906 (NOTAL)

1. WORLD FEDERALIST YOUTH (WFY) WAS STARTED IN 1961 IN DENMARK AS YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF THE WORLD ASSOCIATION OF WORLD FEDERALISTS (WAWF). ITS PURPOSE WAS TO PROPAGATE WORLD FEDERALISM AMONG YOUTH BY ORGANIZING YOUTH CLUBS, INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS AND DISCUSSION GROUPS. OVER THE YEARS IT HAS DEVELOPED ORGANIZATIONS IN 30-35 COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN CANADA, THE NETHERLANDS, DENMARK, JAPAN AND IN THE THIRD WORLD, ESPECIALLY AFRICA. THROUGH PARENT WAWF IT HAS CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH SOME UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS. ACTIVE DIRECTION OF WFY HAS BEEN EXERCISED BY DIRECTOR FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS OPERATING OUT OF HEADQUARTERS OF WAWF, ORIGINALLY IN CANADA, SUBSEQUENTLY IN THE HAGUE. IN LATE SIXTIES THIS POST WAS HELD BY A JAPANESE, (FNU) MORITA; IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TAKEN OVER BY A BRITON AND IS CURRENTLY VACANT.

2. INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF WFY HAS BEEN LOCATED
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IN COPENHAGEN SINCE 1961; IT WILL REPORTEDLY BY TRANS-

FERRED TO THE HAGUE WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS. THE PRESENT PRESIDENT, PER FISCHER, IS A DANE AND ONE FORMER PRESIDENT WAS DANISH, FINN LAURSEN (1967-1969). THE EMBASSY HAS NO ADVERSE INFORMATION ON EITHER MAN.

3. IN THE SIXTIES, THE LOCAL DANISH WFY AFFILIATED, EEN VERDENS UNGDOM (ONE WORLD YOUTH), HAD APPROXIMATELY 500 MEMBERS. IN LINE WITH ITS AVOWED TACTIC OF PROMOTING FEDERALIST IDEAS BY ENGAGING IN POLITICAL CAUSES OF THE DAY, THE ORGANIZATION BECAME AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE VIETNAM COMMITTEES, THE DANISH UMBRELLA GROUP DIRECTING ANTI-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THOSE YEARS. IN 1970 THE ORGANIZATION WAS MERGED WITH THE STUDENT SECTION OF THE DANISH UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION TO FORM INTERNATIONAL FORUM, A 1000-MEMBER ORGANIZATION RECOGNIZED AND SUBSIDIZED BY THE DANISH NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL. DUNNIGAN

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